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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: LOA'S FOR FMS MILITARY SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. AS YOU KNOW, THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS WITH THE CONGRESS CONCERNING LETTERS OF OFFER FOR FMS MILITARY SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA AS WELL AS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS. WE HAVE COME UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE TO REDUCE THESE LOA'S. THE SECRETARY WANTS YOUR BEST JUDGMENT WHAT FLEXIBILITY WE HAVE WITH THE SAUDIS ON THE SIDEWINDER AND MAVERICK SALES. FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT WOULD BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF REDUCING THE SIDEWINDERS FROM 1,000 TO 800 AND THE MAVERICKS FROM 1,500 TO 800? YOU SHOULD NOT GO TO THE SAUDIS; WHAT THE SECRETARY WANTS IS YOUR OWN VIEW, WHICH WE NEED BY SATURDAY MORNING (AUGUST 28) WASHINGTON TIME. KISSINGER

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